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DULLES:

---to take over as many countries around us and slowly encircle us and crush us by encirclement. I think that would be the method they had in mind.

SEVAREID:

I take it from what you say sir, that we don't have to fear a world run from one central switchboard, whether Moscow, or Peking, or any other one place?

DULLES:

No, I don't think they expect to achieve anything of that kind. I think they look forward to a world of what they call a "Socialist States" of which, according to their theory, which isn't the actuality, ^{would} we live in peace---that that is the way that the thing would be accomplished.

SEVAREID:

Mr. Dulles, when you say that you think we're going to win this thing, do you have in mind the collapse of the Soviet system, or maintenance of the status quo?

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DULLES:

No, I just think that we will be able to prove, contrary to their teachings, that our system is better than their system---brings more happiness, brings more joy to the people of the world, gives a fuller life and therefore, it will eventually be proved to be the better system. They think just the opposite.

SEVAREID:

Sir, when Khrushchev was over here on his big trip---

Did you ever have an opportunity yourself to talk with Khrushchev when he was over here?

DULLES:

Yes, just a short one, but a very interesting one, the night that he was entertained by President Eisenhower at the Whitehouse---I was there.

SEVAREID:

Mr. Dulles, some people, like Senator Goldwater and others say that we ought to state officially at the highest level, that our policy is to win this cold war. They claim we don't say this. Why don't we?

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DOLLES:

Well, I had rather thought we did. It seems to me, it's inherent in what has been said by the Presidents I've recently served under, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy--- that we were going to win this. Of course, they don't--- do not want to give the implication that we propose to win it on the field of battle, because we all know that there's no winner in a nuclear war, or even a World War. Certainly no winner in a nuclear war.

SEVAREID:

You think that Mr. Khrushchev is in a hurry, that he wants to see the world turned over in his life time?

DOLLES:

No, there's nothing in what he says that indicates that. Khrushchev is now sixty-eight years old. We could differ as to his life expectancy, but whether it's five or ten years, or rather his period of power---say it's five years or more---whatever it may be, but they don't expect to win the world in five years, or anything like that.

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SEVAREID:

What is it that Khrushchev wants in Berlin? Does he just want us out of there?

DULLES:

Yes, Khrushchev thinks that Berlin is a menace to his position in the east.

SEVAREID:

Does he look at Berlin as a lever to a settlement of the whole German question in his favor?

DULLES:

Yes, he does.

SEVAREID:

Well, Mr. Dulles, we used to talk about liberation in East Europe, or containment. Now we talk about containment or giving concessions and compromising, a kind of a piecemeal surrender. Haven't they really won a stage of this argument?

DULLES:

No, I don't think we've given up the idea of liberation but we've given up the---and we're---practically---we never had the idea at that they were going to be liberated by military means.

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SEVAREID:

Sir, many people in this country are frustrated that can't seem to get on the offensive, the initiative in this cold war. How can we do that?

DULLES:

Well, we probably are on the offensive more than many people realize.

SEVAREID:

Mr. Dulles, what do you think the Russians want with Cuba? Is it just to be a distraction for us?

DULLES:

Well, I think they---they want more than that. They realize that that can be quite a base, you know. [C

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